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		8. Report Re: Double Homicide

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Signature <i>A. L. Gussler</i>	Detective	Date <i>02-05-97</i>
Signature	Supervisor	Date

# Lake County Sheriff's Office

Criminal Investigations Bureau

On November 25, 1996, Detective A.L. Gussler responded to a possible Double Homicide, at a location of 24135 Greentree lane, in the area of Eustis, Lake County, Florida.

Detective Gussler arrived on the scene at approximately 2325 hours and met with Sgt. Luce and Deputy Jeff Taylor, of the Lake County Sheriffs Office Road Patrol Unit for an initial on scene briefing.

Detective Gussler was advised that there were two victims, inside the residence, the body of an adult male and of an adult female. Also, there was a witness that had identified the victims as one Richard J. Wendorf and his wife, Naoma R. Wendorf. The witness was Jennifer Lynn Wendorf, a seventeen year old daughter of the victims. The incident location was the home of the victims, their daughter Jennifer and a fifteen year old daughter, Heather Anne Wendorf, whom was missing from the home.

Detective Gussler proceeded with an initial interview, of the witness, Jennifer L. Wendorf. Jennifer L. Wendorf related the following statement.

Jennifer stated that she had last seen her mother around 2:45 p.m. on this date, November 25, 1996. Jennifer stated her mother had stopped by, Jennifer's boyfriend's home, to discuss a problem she, the mother, was having with Jennifer's sister, Heather Wendorf. Naoma Wendorf had told Jennifer that Heather was getting out of hand and hard to control. The mother had informed Jennifer that she was concerned because Heather was at the point of getting in her face. The conversation had ended with Jennifer and her mother deciding to have a family meeting on the evening of November 25, 1996.

Jennifer stated that she worked at the Publix store in Mt. Dora, Florida from 5:p.m. until 8:p.m. on this date. Instead of going straight home, after work, Jennifer stated she stopped and visited with her boyfriend for a short time and arrived home around 10:55p.m..

After arriving home Jennifer stated she went straight to her bedroom with the intention of calling her boyfriend, Tony Stoothoff, to let him know she had arrived home safely. At this time Jennifer observed, that it appeared, her phone cord had been pulled from the wall. Jennifer then proceeded to her sister's bedroom, which is located next to hers and completed the call to her boyfriend. Jennifer stated, after placing the call, she proceeded to the kitchen area and at this point observed, what she believed to be a large amount of blood on the kitchen floor. Jennifer then viewed her mother, face down on the kitchen floor, in a pool of blood. Jennifer states she then ran back to the family room area, where she found her father, Richard Wendorf, face up, on the couch. His head and face was also covered with blood. Jennifer stated she then retreated back to her sister's bedroom where she called her boyfriend to tell of what she had found.

Jennifer stated

she recalled that her sister, Heather

was not at home, at least that she had observed, and this was unusual for this time of night.

Detective Gussler then inquired from Jennifer Wendorf as to whom she believed may have murdered her parents. Without hesitation, Jennifer responded by saying, my sister Heather. When ask to please explain that statement Jennifer replied with the following.

Jennifer stated that for the past few months her sister, Heather, had been acting very strange and morbid. Jennifer went on to explain that Heather had talked about being a "Vampire" and not a human. Heather would tell Jennifer that she (Heather) was evil. Jennifer stated that on more than one occasion, Heather had ask Jennifer if she had ever wished her parents dead and or had she ever plotted to kill their parents.

Jennifer stated that Heather had a good friend, that lived in Kentucky, and that he may have had something to do with the murder of their parents. The name of this subject was Rod Ferrell. Ferrell was also heavy into "Vampirism". Jennifer stated that her sister, Heather, had informed her that if she ever wanted anyone dead, to let her know, because Rod Ferrell was a Hit-Man and goes from state to state.

Jennifer stated that Heather had gotten into trouble with her parents because of large phone bills that had been generated by Heather making and or receiving long distant phone calls to Rod Ferrell in Kentucky.

At the conclusion of the initial interview with Jennifer Wendorf, her final statement was that she was sure that her sister, Heather A. Wendorf was, in some how responsible for the death of her parents.

After the interview with Jennifer Wendorf, a friend of Heathers arrived on the scene with her mother. Jeanine Leclaire was one of Heathers close friends. Detective Gussler conducted a short interview with Jeanine Leclaire at this time.

Jeanine Leclaire made the following statements.

Jeanine stated that she knew Rod Ferrell and that she and Heather Wendorf had planed on running away with him, but that her mother had caught her and she was not able to go with them.

Jeanine stated that she believed that Rod Ferrell had arrived in Florida, from Kentucky on Sunday night. She had talked with and met with Rod Ferrell late Sunday night. Jeanine had met with Ferrell and three other subjects that evening. She believed the other subjects to be a male subject known as Scott Anderson, who went by the name of "Nosforado" meaning vampire. A girl by the name of Dana and another girl by the name of Shay.

Jeanine stated that she believed that Heather had left with Rod Ferrell and the others and that they may be headed toward New Orleans La.

Jeanine went on to relate the events from the time she talked with Rod Ferrell on Sunday night until the Monday evening incident. Jeanine stated that Heather had called her early in the evening and stated that Rod was on his way over to Heather's house and that they had to leave tonight. Jeanine stated that she and Heather agreed to try and get Rod to stay for another week, before leaving, so that they would have time to pack. At this time Jeanine stated she did not remember the exact time, but a short time later, Heather called back to tell Jeanine that they had to leave now. Jeanine informed Heather that she was not packed. Jeanine stated that around 9:30 p.m. Heather knocked on her bedroom window and informed her that they had to leave now! Jeanine told Heather that she was not ready to go yet. Heather stated that they would be back to pick her up. Heather then told Jeanine that she had to go see her boyfriend Jeremy Hueber, in the city of Eustis, Florida, and they would be back to get her. Jeanine stated that she packed some items and left the house, but her mother found her and took her back. After obtaining the above information from Jeanine Leclaire Detective Gussler sent her back home with her mother.

On 12-04-1996, Detective Ken Adams conducted an in-depth interview with Jeanine Leclaire. The transcript of the taped interview is available.

On 12-09-1996, Detective A. L. Gussler and Detective Ken Adams conducted an in-depth interview with Jennifer Lynn Wendorf. The Transcript of the taped interview is available.

During the initial interviews at the crime scene, it was discovered that Rod Ferrell had placed telephone calls to Jeanine Leclaire and Heather Wendorf from a girls home by the name of Shannon Yohe. Jeanine Leclaire had informed Detective Gussler of this information and that Shannon Yohe lived in a area known as Pine Lakes, located in Lake County, Florida. Assistant State Attorney William Gross and Detective Ronald Patton, of the Lake County Sheriffs Office, located and conducted an interview with Shannon Yohe.

The Transcript of the taped interview of Shannon Yohe is available.

By the end of the initial interviews with Jennifer Lynn Wendorf and Jeanine Leclaire, the lake County Sheriffs Office Technical services had arrived at the scene. At this time Detective Gussler assisted the Technical Services Units in a grid search up the driveway leading to the Wenforf's home. The search was to locate any and all crime scene evidence in and around the driveway area. For each item observed, taken and photographed, refer to the completed list of logged evidence as recorded by the Technical Services Unit.

An outside initial walk around of the residence was conducted in a investigative effort to view additional possible evidence. It was during this period that Detective Gussler viewed what appeared to be an old Butcher knife. The location was to the left of the front door partially hid in some bushes. The knife was pointed out and instructions given to obtain as possible evidence.

The next step of the crime scene investigation by Detective Gussler was to conduct a walk through of the inside of the crime scene. After donning crime scene clothing, Detective Gussler along with Technical Services Units made the initial walk through of the scene in-order to view the scene, to include the bodies of the victims. Polaroid photographs were taken of the scene as an investigative aid only, at the direction of Detective Gussler. After the initial walk through a search warrant was obtained before the residence and bedroom of Heather Wendorf was processed by the Lake County Technical Service Units.

During the next number of hours, Detective Gussler reviewed the already obtained information and informed supervisory personal as to the case status.

On November 26, 1996, Detective Gussler had the occasion to speak with a neighbor of the victims, Mrs. Carmen H. Walters. Mrs. Walters advised that she and her husband had returned home on the night of November 25, 1996, around 7:30p.m. and as they turned onto Greentree Lane she observed, whom she believed to be Heather Wendorf and two male subjects. The three were standing approximately one hundred yards east of the Wendorfs driveway and in front of what she believed to be the blue ford vehicle belonging to Richard Wendorf. Mrs. Walters stated it appeared that the three subjects were having a normal conversation. Mrs. Walters stated that the large reddish in color dog that she knew as belonging to the Wendorf family was with the three subjects.

On November 27, 1996, Detective Gussler proceeded to the 5th district Medical Examiners Office, located in Leesburg Florida. At this time the bodies of the victims were viewed. At this time Laura S. Hair pointed out to Detective Gussler the blunt impact and chop wounds and with what appeared to be burn marks on both the victims.

Refer to the Autopsy Protocol Report, by Dr. Laura S. Hair, Associate Fifth District Medical Examiner for the final anatomic diagnosis, the cause and manner of death.

On November 27, 1996, Detective Gussler had the occasion to speak with Travis Parker, who resides at 24230 County Road 44A. Mr. Parker advised that around 9:30 p.m. on November 25, 1996, he observed what appeared to be the Wendorfs blue ford come off of Hwy. 437 onto 44A with another unknown type car following it. Both vehicles stopped on 44A for a very short time and then headed west bound.

On November 27, 1996, at 1000 hours, Detective Gussler returned to the crime scene on Greentree lane in-order to ascertain what the technical services status was. Detective Gussler was advised of their progress and the status of the crime scene investigation, yet to be completed.

Detective Gussler then reviewed the information that had been obtained, to date.

On November 28, 1996, Detective Gussler and Sgt. Wayne Longo was advised to be en route to Murray Kentucky. At approximately 10:20 p.m. while located just south of Atlanta Ga. Detective Gussler was advised by Detective Ken Adams, of the Lake County Sheriffs Office, that the Suspects had been arrested in Baton Rouge , La.

Detective Gussler and Sgt. Longo had in their possession arrest warrants for the persons of Rodrick Justin Ferrell, Charity Lynn Keesee, Dana L. Cooper, Howard Scott Anderson, and Heather Ann Wendorf. Detective Ronald S. Patton had applied for and received warrants on the five listed subjects based on probable cause obtained at this point in the investigation.

Sgt. Longo, after being advised of the suspects location, contacted the Baton Rouge Police Department. Sgt. Ben Odom, of the Baton Rouge Police Department advised that the five suspects had been arrested in Baton Rouge on November 28, 1996, at approximately 2059 hours. Sgt. Odom also advised that the Blue Ford Explorer had been impounded and was being held at 9101 Veterans Memorial Blvd., which is a service known as Roadrunner Wrecker Service. The Service contracts with the Baton Rouge Police Department for towing and the impoundment of towed vehicles.

Sgt. Ben Odom went on to advise that he had been in contact with assistant State Attorney William Gross.

Assistant State Attorney, William Gross, is from the Fifth Judicial Circuit, Lake County, State of Florida. Sgt. Odom advised Detective Gussler and Sgt. Longo to proceed directly to the Baton Rouge Police Department in-order to conduct interviews with the five suspects. Sgt., Odom further advised that after reading Rodrick Ferrell his rights, he conducted a taped interview with Ferrell and that Ferrell appeared to be, at least in part, telling facts reference the murders in Lake County Florida.

After arriving in Baton Rouge Louisiana, Detective Gussler and Sgt. Longo proceeded to the police department. Once there, Sgt. Odom Briefed Detective Gussler and Sgt. Longo as to the status of the suspects.

In entering the Baton Rouge Police Departments Homicide section the five suspects were observed. Each suspect was handcuffed to a chair but appeared to be comfortable. a couple of them were sleeping.

At approximately 0930 on November 29, 1996, hours Detective Gussler commenced the first interview. Charity Lynn Keesee was read her rights. after stating that she understood the interview began. Also present for the interview was Sgt. Wayne Longo.

Charity Lynn Keesee made the following statements during her interview. She had came from the state of Kentucky with Rod Ferrell, Scott Anderson, and Dana Cooper. Keesee stated that she had never been to Florida before.

Keesee stated that Rod Ferrell talked all the way to Florida about wanting and had to kill someone.

Keesee stated after arriving in Florida, sometime Sunday, they visited with a couple friends of Rod Ferrells. They had went to one of Rods friends by the name of Shannon. ( Shannon Yohe ). From this location Rod Ferrell placed phone calls to a girl named Jeanine and Heather. ( Jeanine McClaire ) and ( Heather Wendorf ).

Keesee stated around noon time on Monday Rod, Scott, Dana and Keesee went to the Eustis High School and at this time Rod Ferrell and Heather Wendorf had a long conversation in a near by cemetery. The date was November 25, 1996.

Keesee stated that on Monday evening, around 6:p.m., all four of them returned to Shannon Yohe's home. Again, Rod Ferrell placed phone calls to Jeanine and Heather.

Keesee stated at this point Rod Ferrell was bragging about how he was going to kill Heather's parents.

Keesee stated that from about noon time, she, Dana Cooper, and Scott Anderson had knowledge that the murders were going to be committed.

Keesee stated that when they left Kentucky Scott Anderson had in his possession an old type butcher knife. Keesee stated that she did not see the knife after the night of the murder incident.

Keesee stated that after arriving, at the Wendorfs home, Heather met them outside. Heather had packed a bag and had money in her possession. Keesee denied any knowledge of the amount of money that Heather had.

Keesee stated after picking Heather Wendorf up from her residence Keesee drove Heather to her boyfriends house, in Eustis, Florida. Keesee stated that Rod Ferrell and Scott Anderson stayed behind and was headed toward the Wendorfs house, when the three girls departed for Eustis.

Keesee stated after a short visit at Heathers boyfriends house, Jeremy S. Hueber, she drove back to Jeanine McClaires house, where they were to meet Rod Ferrell and Scott Anderson. The two boys were not there when they arrived. Keesee stated that they then drove back to Greentree Lane where they met up with Rod and Scott.

Keesee stated at this time, Rod Ferrell and Scott Anderson was in the blue Ford Explorer, belonging to Heathers parents. Rod Ferrell was driving the Ford vehicle.

Keesee stated that when Rod Ferrell drove up to them, she observed what appeared to be blood on his face and shirt.

Keesee stated Scott Anderson told her to follow them. Both vehicles then proceeded north on Hwy. 437 to Cty. Rd. 44A. After turning west on Cty. Rd. 44A, Rod Ferrell stopped and it was at this time that Scott Anderson switched the plates from on vehicle to the other.



For the in-depth interview with Charity Lynn Keesee, the taped interview is available.

At approximately 11:50a.m. Detective Gussler started a taped interview with Dana L. Cooper. Dana L. Coopers rights were read to her and she stated that she understood them. Also present for the interview was Sgt. Wayne Longo.

Dana L. Cooper made the following statements during her interview. Dana stated that she had known Rodrick Ferrell for the past few months. She had fronted the money, for the trip, from Kentucky to Florida.

Dana stated that she had known Charity Keesee for a long time and that she had met Rod Ferrell through Keesee.

Dana stated the vehicle that they drove to Florida in belonged to Scott Anderson.

Dana gave the same events reference the time of travel and subjects that they had visited, as did Charity Keesee.

Dana stated that Anderson's car had a flat tire on Monday afternoon, November 25, 1996. While the tire was being changed was when Rod Ferrell made his intentions clear reference killing the parents of Heather Wendorf.

Dana stated that Rod Ferrell had discussed the killing of Heather Wendorfs parents on the trip to Florida.

Dana stated that again, while at Shannon Yohe,s house , the murders were talked about by herself, Rod Ferrell and Scott Anderson.

After arriving at the Wendorfs residence Dana, Rod, Charity and Scott talked about the murders. Dana stated that while this discussion was taking place Heather was inside the car. the four of them were standing outside,in front of the car.

Dana Cooper stated Rod Ferrell and Scott Anderson stayed at the Wendorfs residence, while she, Keesee and Heather went to see Heathers boyfriend. Dana stated that Keesee was doing the driving. After returning from Heathers boyfriends house, they met back up with Rod and Scott. Rod Ferrell was driving the blue explorer.

Dana Cooper stated that Rod Ferrell informed them how he had murdered Heathers parents. Rod told Dana and Keesee that the father had been asleep and bragged about how the mothers head had burst open.

Dana Cooper stated after Heather was informed of her parents death, she was upset for a short time, then began to laugh and have fun.

Dana Cooper stated that Rod Ferrell had in his possession a Discover card that had belonged to the victims. Dana stated that she had attempted to use the card on more than one occasion, after they had left the area.

Dana Cooper stated that, after they all arrived in the state of Louisiana, Rod Ferrell, Heather Wendorf and she, Dana Cooper committed a burglary. Dana was not sure of the exact location.

Dana Cooper stated that Rod Ferrell and Scott Anderson threw weapons, that had been taken from the burglary and the weapon that had been used in the Lake County murders, into the Mississippi river, in the city of Baton Rouge La.

For the in-depth interview with Dana L. Cooper, the taped interview is available.

At approximately 1:37p.m., Detective Gussler started a taped interview with Heather Ann Wendorf. Her rights were read and she advised that she understood them. Sgt. Wayne Longo was present for the interview.

Heather stated that she had known Rod Ferrell for about one year, had met him while he was going to Eustis High School in Lake County Florida.

Heather Wendorf stated after Rod Ferrell moved back to the state of Kentucky she had keep in touch with him, by letters and telephone calls, made by herself and Rod Ferrell.

Heather Wendorf stated that she and her friend, Jeanine McClaire had promised Rod Ferrell when he came back, they would leave with him.

When ask about what knowledge she had reference the murder of her parents, Heather denied the planing or having knowledge that they were going to be murdered.

Heather stated that she was up set with Rod Ferrell for killing her parents, but that she would still follow and or go with him anywhere. When Heather was told that she and Rod Ferrell had been planning this for about a year, her only response was, but I didn't seen him the map of the inside of my house.

Heather stated that she and Rod had talked about the killing of her parents on the phone, and at the cemetery on Monday, November 25, 1996, but she had always informed Rod not to hurt her parents. Rodrick Ferrell had stated that Heather had told him that if her parents had an accident, it would be easier for her to leave.

Heather Wendorf stated the only reason she went with the group, after she learned about the death of her parents, was that she believed that people would blame her for the murders. And that she had no where else to go.

Heather stated that Rod told her about killing her parents and showed her the crow bar type weapon used.

Heather Wendorf stated the last time Rod Ferrell mention the killing of her parents was just before she, Dana and Keesee left to go see her boyfriend in Eustis. Heather stated she told him again, no.

For the in-depth interview with Heather Ann Wendorf, the taped interview is available.

At approximately 3:48p.m., Detective Gussler started a taped interview with Howard Scott Anderson. After reading Howard Scott Anderson his rights, he stated he understood them. Also present for the interview was Sgt. Wayne Longo.

Howard Scott Anderson made the following statements during his interview. Anderson stated that he had known Rod Ferrell for a number of years. Anderson stated that he had talked to Heather Wendorf a couple times on the telephone, when Rod Ferrell would call her from Kentucky.

Anderson stated that he had known about coming to Florida for about nine months. Anderson had provided the transportation for the group, by driving his vehicle. Anderson stated that some of the conversation on the trip to Florida was Rod Ferrell stating he was tired of setting around and wanted to kill someone.

Anderson stated that Charity Keesee and Dana Cooper knew about the murders and had taken part in the conversations reference the murders. Anderson stated they had discussed the murders and how they were going to do them, while at the home of Shannon Yohe,s on November 25, 1996, before going to the home of Heather Wendorf.

Anderson stated that he was to participate in the murders. Rod Ferrell was to kill the father and he, Anderson, was to kill the mother. Anderson stated that when they entered the residence, the father, Richard Wendorf was asleep on the couch. Anderson stated Rod Ferrell came up behind Mr. Wendorf had started beating him in the head with the crow bar.

Anderson stated when the mother, Naoma Wendorf, came into the room screaming, what's going on, Rod Ferrell just started hitting her with the crow bar. Anderson stated he didn't get to do his part because he froze when he saw Rod Ferrell killing the father.

Anderson stated after the murders, he rummaged through the victims bedroom attempting to locate money.

Anderson stated that he pulled the phone line from the wall, in Jennifer's bedroom, so the police couldn't be called.

Anderson stated, when ask, what would have happen if Jennifer had arrived home, they had planned to kill her if she had came home.

Anderson stated that at no time was any of the group threaten if they would try to leave. And that any one of them could have left at any time and that each of them had numerous chances to leave the group, if in fact they had wanted to.

For the in-depth interview with Howard Scott Anderson, the taped interview is available.

At approximately 5:30p.m. Detective Gussler started a taped interview with Rodrick Justin Ferrell. After reading Ferrell his rights he stated he understood them. Also present was Sgt. Wayne Longo.

Rod Ferrell stated that he had known Heather Wendorf for about a period of one year. They had both attended Eustis High School, in Lake County Florida.

Ferrell stated he and his mother had moved back to Kentucky in the later part of 1995. He and Heather had keep in touch with each other by letters and phone calls.

Ferrell stated that on a number of occasions Heather had ask if he could kill her parents and that it would be easier for her to leave if her parents had an accident. Ferrell stated that he and Scott Anderson planned the murders. Anderson was to kill Heathers mother and he, Ferrell, was to kill her father.

Ferrell stated, all three girls knew that the blue Ford Explorer was going to be taken.

Ferrell stated that prior to Heather, Keesee and Dana going to the city of Eustis to see Heathers boyfriend, that Heather had told him that her mother was taking a shower.

Ferrell stated that as he and Anderson entered the garage area of the residence he located a crow bar and decided to use it on the victims instead of the pieces of a wood staff that he and Anderson had planned to use as a weapon.

Ferrell went on to explain how he murdered the two victims starting with the father first and the mother next. How Anderson didn't do his part because he froze and couldn't help.

Ferrell advised that after the murders he and Anderson were only able to locate, almost five dollars, in the fathers pockets. Ferrell and Anderson , attempted to locate more money in the victims bedroom but with negative results.

When Rodrick Ferrell was ask how he felt when he was beating Richard Wendorf in the head, he stated, it gave me a high. And reference how he felt when beating Naoma Wendorf, he stated the same, it gave me a rush, a high.

Ferrell stated that Heather Wendorf requested a knife of her fathers and a set of pearls that belonged to her mother so that she might keep them as souvenirs. The items had been taken after the murders.

For the in-depth interview with Rodrick Justin Ferrell, the taped interview is available.

Sgt. Ben Odom of the Baton Rouge Police Department, after reading Rodrick J. Ferrell his rights, had conducted a taped interview with him, prior to the arrival of Detective Gussler and Sgt. Longo, from the Lake County sheriffs Office, Lake County, Florida.

The taped interview is available.

After the interviews were completed Howard Scott Anderson took Detectives from the Baton Rouge Police Department to the area where the stolen items and the murder weapon had been thrown into the Mississippi river.

On Saturday, November 30, 1996, at approximately 10:30 a.m. the Baton Rouge Police Departments, Dive Team, searched the area indicated to them, by Scott Anderson, in an attempt to locate the stolen items and the murder weapon that was used in the Lake County, Florida, homicides.

The Dive Team located a double barrel, loaded, shotgun. This weapon was alleged to be one of the weapons taken in a burglary, in an unknown location, in Louisiana. Scott Anderson had indicated that the murder weapon had been put in the river, approximately one hundred yards, up river.

The Dive Team searched the river, for a number of hours, but was unsuccessful in locating the murder weapon.

November 30, 1996. After departing from the Dive Team, Detective Gussler and Sgt. Longo proceeded to the Roadrunner Towing Service to check on CST Caudill as to his status in processing the Blue Ford Explorer.

December 1, 1996. At approximately 4:00p.m. Detective Gussler turned over, to Cst Caudill, individual bags of clothing belonging to Ferrell, Anderson, Keesee and Wendorf. Items to be placed in the Lake County Sheriffs Office Evidence Section.

December 2, 1996, through December 5, 1996. Detective Gussler attended Extradition Hearings in the Juvenile Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana. The presiding Judge was Judge Pamala Johnson.

1. Defendant Rodrick J. Ferrell. Attorney for said Juvenile, Stephen A. Dixon. The Assistant District Attorney was Wiley Dial.

2. Defendant Heather A. Wendorf. Attorney for said Juvenile, Paula Hartley. Appointed Guardian ad litem for said Juvenile, Etta K. Hearn. The A.D.A. Wiley Dial.

3. Defendant Howard S. Anderson. Attorney for said Juvenile, Richard Chaffin. A.D.A. Wiley Dial.

4. Defendant Charity L. Keesee. Attorney for said Juvenile, Leon Harrell A.D.A. Wiley Dial.

On December 5, 1996, Judge Pamala T. Johnson signed the Extradition Orders, for the four Juveniles to be returned to the State of Florida.

It was further ordered that said Juveniles be transported by Ray Melton, Jim Kunn, Ann Nies, Michelle McIntosh, Paula Mask and / or Lisa Beasley or other appropriate officials designated by the receiving jurisdiction.

On December 6, 1996, The four juveniles were returned to the State of Florida.

Defendant Dana Cooper was a 19 year old adult. Cooper had been returned to the State of Florida on December 2, 1996.

On December 7, 1996, Dana L. Cooper sent a Request form, from the Lake County Jail, requesting to speak with Detective Gussler.

On December 10, 1996, Detective Gussler and Detective Adams went to the jail, at Coopers request. Detective Gussler had Cooper read a Miranda Warning and Weaver Form and requested that Cooper sign said form, before we could talk to her. Cooper, at this time, stated she had been appointed an attorney and maybe she should have her present for the interview. At this time Detective Gussler advised Cooper that we could not speak with her unless her attorney was present. No additional conversation took place.

On December 9, 1996, Detective Gussler and Detective Adams conducted a taped interview with Jennifer L. Wendorf. The remarks and information related at this time, was consistent with the statements given to Detective Gussler on November 25, 1996.

For the in-depth interview with Jennifer L. Wendorf, the taped interview is available.



On December 10, 1996, Detective Gussler and Detective Adams conducted a taped interview with a 14 year old female. Amber Blood had contacted the Orlando Crime Line with what appeared to be incriminating evidence. During the interview Amber Blood stated that she had been a good friend of Heather Wendorf. And about a week prior to the murder incidents Heather had called her and told her that she and a couple of friends were going to kill Heathers parents.

On December 16, 1996, Amber testified before the Grand Jury. She related the same story. But when shown two photographs, Amber Blood was unable to identify Heather Wendorf.

Amber Blood was scheduled to take a lie-detector exam, but failed to take the exam on two different occasions. During the initial interview, proceeding the exam, Amber Blood admitted that she had, not only lied about the phone conversation, but that she didn't even know Heather Wendorf.

On January 28, 1997, Amber Blood re-appeared before the Grand Jury and re-canted her story.

On December 24, 1996, Detective Gussler met CST Caudill at the Lake County Jail. A Corrections Report had indicated that Rodrick Ferrell had taken some type of marker and had defaced his cell walls. The corrections report had been filed by Lt. Wigelsworth of the Lake County Sheriffs Office Corrections Bureau. Rod Ferrell had been moved to another cell. CST Caudill photographed cell number G-6.

On January 7, 1997, Detective Gussler and Detective Adams interviewed Sondra Gibson. Sondra is the mother of Rodrick Ferrell.

Sondra Gibson stated that she had over heard numerous phone conversations between Rod Ferrell and Jeanine McClaire.

Sondra Gibson advised that she had over heard a conversation where it sounded as if Rod was talking about killing someone. Rod motion for her to listen into the phone. Sondra stated that she recognized the voice of Heather Wendorf. Sondra stated that she heard Heather make the statement, I want my parents dead.

On January 22, 1997, Mr. Brad King, of the State Attorneys, Office, interviewed Sondra Gibson. The interview was tape recorded. Detective Gussler was present for the interview.

Sondra Gibson gave the same account in her statement as when she was interviewed by Detective Gussler and Detective Adams.

Sondra Gibson was to take a polygraph, reference the statements she overheard, made by Heather Wendorf. When Sondra was getting the initial interview, prior to the Polygraph exam, she stated that at this time she could not remember the exact statements made by Heather Wendorf. No Polygraph exam was taken by Sondra Gibson.

On January 8, 1997, Detective Gussler interviewed one Bonnie J. Gill. Bonnie Gill attends Eustis High School. Bonnie stated that she knew Heather Wendorf from school, but did not have a close relationship with her.

Bonnie Gill stated that she also knew Rod Ferrell, from when he attended the same school. Bonnie stated that her relationship with Ferrell was that they would speak with other, but were not close friends.

Bonnie Gill stated that on the night of the murders, November 25, 1996, between the hours of 8:00p.m. and 8:30p.m., she and her grandmother were walking to the B.P. store, located in Eustis Florida, on Hwy. 19. ( Bay Street ). As they approached the store, Bonnie stated that her grandmother made the comment, look at that guy, someone should call the police. Bonnie stated she looked to an area on the south end of the store and recognized Rod Ferrell. Bonnie stated that Ferrell was dressed in black, to include a long black coat. Ferrell was holding, what Bonnie described as stick, about two and a half foot long.

Bonnie Gill stated that she said, " hi" to Ferrell, and that he looked at her and just nodded his head. Bonnie stated that she felt it strange that Ferrell didn't speak to her. Bonnie stated that Ferrell appeared to be nervous and as if he were watching or waiting for someone.

Bonnie Gill stated that after she and her grandmother completed their business in the store and leaving she observed Ferrell near the street curb looking up the street as if looking for someone.

On January 24, 1997, Detective Gussler met with Mr. James Wendorf, the father of the victim, Richard Wendorf. The location was 24135 Greentree Lane, the incident scene.

Mr. Wendorf had given Detective Gussler permission to look around the outside of the residence.

Detective Gussler had remembered the old Butcher knife that he had observed on, November 25, 1996, the night of the incident.

In checking the Property Receipts Detective Gussler did not observe the knife listed.

Detective Gussler proceeded to the area of the front door of the residence and viewed the area to the left of the door, in some small plants. The knife was still there. Mr. James Wendorf also observed the knife.

Detective Gussler contacted the Lake County Sheriffs Office, Technical Services and requested that they send a unit.

CST Caudill responded to the scene. CST Caudill proceeded to photograph and measure, in-order to place the items, then obtained the knife along with a bottle to be placed into evidence.

Refer to the Crime Scene report by CST Caudill, for additional information.

Case # 96- 11- 7397, is still an open case, and remains under investigation.

Supplemental reports shall be submitted as additional information is received.

Detective Alvey L. Gussler

*Det. Alvey L. Gussler*

*02-12-97*

*Sworn to and Subscribed before  
me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February.*

*Brenda L. Likely*



BRENDA L. LIKELY  
MY COMMISSION # CC446414 EXPIRES  
March 19, 1999  
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Signature <i>Len Adams</i>	Detective	Date <i>2.5-97</i>
Signature	Supervisor	Date

# Criminal Investigations Bureau

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT  
96 - 11 - 7397

Reference: Murder

Victims: Richard Wendorf  
Naoma Wendorf

1. On November 25, 1996, at approximately 2310 hours Detective Ken Adams was called at home by the communication center of the Lake County Sheriff's Office. Detective Adams was requested to respond to 24135 Greentree Lane. Detective Adams was advised that this was in regards to a possible double murder and that the 15 year old daughter of the victim's, Heather was missing along with one of the victim's vehicle.

2. Detective Adams arrived at the scene at approximately 2345 hours and met with Detective Al Gussler, the lead investigator for this case. Detective Adams was briefed by Detective Gussler as to the facts that were known to him at that time.

3. On November 26, 1996, at approximately 0015 hours Detective Adams met with Mrs. Suzanne LeClaire. Mrs. LeClaire advised that her daughter, Jeanine and the daughter of the victim's were best friends. Mrs. LeClaire advised that Jeanine had told her that she and Heather were planning to runaway on the night of November 25, 1996. She advised that she had discovered her daughter waiting at a street near their residence for Heather and some other kids to pick her up.

Mrs. LeClaire stated that she had attempted to call the Wendorf's resident a short time after finding her daughter. She stated that this was to warn them that Heather was planning on running away from home. She advised that she attempted to call several times and each time the phone was ringing busy. She stated that she then drove over to the Wendorf's and observed all of the police vehicles and emergency medical services around entrance to the residence.

3. On November 26, 1996, at approximately 0045 hours Mrs. LeClaire returned to the scene with her daughter Jeanine and allowed her to talk with Detective Adams.

Jeanine LeClaire advised Detective Adams that she and Heather Wendorf were planning on running away from home with a subject by the name of Rod Ferrell. She advised that Rod was from Kentucky and had arrived in Florida Sunday, November 24, 1996. She

stated that Rod had been a student at Eustis High School and had moved to Kentucky last year. She stated that Rod was about 16 years old. Jeanine advised that she and Heather had talked with Rod on Sunday, November 24, 1996, by telephone. She advised that during this conversation plans were made for Heather and Jeanine to leave with Rod and his friends towards the end of the week. She stated that Rod was in the company of a white male by the name of "Nos" and two white females. She advised that they had been driving a red car of some kind.

Jeanine advised that Heather had called her at home earlier in the evening and advised that they were going to have to leave that evening (November 25, 1996). Jeanine said that Heather had given Rod directions to her (Heather's) house.

Jeanine further stated that Heather came to her house approximately 2130 hours on November 25, 1996. Jeanine said that Heather was alone. She stated that Heather knocked on her (Jeanine's) bed room window and said that it was time to go, "it was now or never, that they had to leave now". Jeanine stated that she advised Heather that she could not leave at that time because her mother was still up. She said that Heather told her to hurry and get ready. Jeanine said that Heather told her that she was going to go see her boyfriend, Jeremy in Eustis. Jeanine advised that she waited for her mother to go to bed and then slipped out of the house to wait and be picked up.

Jeanine further advised that Rod had called Heather's house on Monday, November 25th from the residence of a Shannon Yohe. She said that Shannon lived in Pine Lakes. She stated that Rod had Shannon call Heather and then put Rod on the telephone. This was because Heather's parents would not let Heather talk to Rod. Jeanine stated that she knew this because she was talking to Heather on the telephone when Rod's call came. Jeanine said that Heather had call waiting and that Heather told her it was Rod on the other call.

Jeanine advised that Rod had mentioned that they when they left they would go to New Orleans, LA, to a place called Mardi Gras Fun House.

4. On November 26, 1996, at approximately 0220 hours Detectives Adams and Gussler, along with crime scene technicians entered the property by foot following the dirt driveway leading to the residence. At this time a visual examination of each side of the driveway was conducted for any possible evidence. This visual examination included the dirt drive up to and around the outside of the residence, to include all sides. You may refer to the Technical Service report for further details of this examination.

5. On November 26, 1996, at approximately 0410 hours Detectives Adams and Gussler along with crime scene technicians entered the

main residence. Entry was made through the door located on the west side of the residence, north of the garage door. This door led into the garage itself.

6. Entry was then made into the main portion of the residence through the laundry room, which led from the garage to the living portion of the residence.

7. Upon entering the living section area of the residence Detective Adams noticed that the living room area was to the right and that a T V room area was to the left, with a hall way running north at the north end of the T V room.

8. Detective Adams observed a sofa, love seat and other furniture in the T V room. Detective Adams noted the sofa ran north and south and faced west. The love seat ran east and west and was at the north end of the sofa, with an end table between the sofa and love seat. There was a television set against the south wall, with the screen facing north. The television was on.

9. Detective Adams observed the body of a white male lying face up on the sofa. The head of the victim was resting at the north end of the couch with the feet at the south end.

10. Detective Adams noted that there was what appeared to be blood spatter on the walls of the T V room and carpet.

11. Detective Adams observed that the white male lying on the couch had what appeared to be massive trauma to his head area.

12. During the visual examination of the residence Detective Adams noted that the kitchen area was located to the east of the T V room and could be entered from the T V room and hallway area from the west side. The kitchen could also be entered from the dining room/living room area from the east side.

13. Detective Adams observed what appeared to be blood on the floor of the kitchen from the T V room side to the dining room side.

14. Detective Adams observed the body of a white female lying face down in the kitchen floor, with the upper body portion in the dining room. The victim's head was pointed in an easterly direction, partially in the dining room. The victim's feet were pointing in a westerly direction.

15. Detective Adams observed a bedroom off of the dining room/living room area. This bedroom had a dresser and chest of drawers along with a night stand, bed and chair. Detective Adams noted that there were numerous items scattered on the floor and bed. This included various items of paper and jewelry, which gave indication that the room had been ransacked.



16. There was a bathroom located off of this bedroom with two walk in closets. There was a bathtub and shower located on opposite sides of the bath room. There was nothing that appeared out of the ordinary in the closets. The bath tub was dry and had clothing draped over the side. There appeared to be nothing out of ordinary in the shower. However, the shower floor was wet.

17. The hallway from the T V room led to two bedrooms and a bathroom. One bedroom was on the west side of the hall, the second was at the very end of the hall and the bath room was on the east side of the hall. There was also a lenin closet on the east side of the hall next to the bath room entry way.

18. The bath room had an exit door on the east side which led outside the house. There were several toiletry items located on the bath room counter and paper.

19. The lenin closet door was open.

20. The bedroom on the east side of the hall had a bed, walk in closet, computer desk with computer, dresser and a telephone which was sitting in the floor and the phone line not connected to any outlet. There were no sheets on the bed.

21. In the floor of the hall way was a telephone, with the receiver off the hook. The phone line ran into the bedroom located at the north end of the hallway.

22. The bedroom at the north end of the hall had a bed, dresser, desk, chest of drawers, walk in closet and other furniture. There were also several items of gothic style located in the room.

23. Detective Adams exited the residence by the same route used to enter. This was approximately 0445 hours.

24. On November 26, 1996, at approximately 0450 hours Detective Adams was advised by the communication center that a deputy with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office had located a red Buck Skylark, 2 door displaying a Florida license tag which belonged on a 1994 Ford Explorer registered to the victim's. This vehicle was abandoned on Route 17-92 east of Interstate 4 in Sanford. Detective Adams and Detective Mark Knuuttila were enroute to the above location at approximately 0500 hours.

25. On November 26, 1996, at approximately 0525 hours Detectives Adams and Knuuttila arrived at the location of the abandoned Buick in Seminole County. This location was approximately 1.5 miles east of Interstate 4. Detective Adams observed that the vehicle displayed a Florida registration of PUU 34X. The vehicle was on the north side of 17-92 facing west bound. The vehicle had a flat

right from tire. This tire was the small temporary type spare. Detective Adams observed very few items in the interior of the vehicle.

Detective Adams met with spoke with Deputy Charles Frazier of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Frazier advised that he had not molested the vehicle in any way. He further stated that the vehicle was reported abandoned by an anonymous male caller at approximately 0426 hours to their communications center.

On November 26, 1996, at approximately 0620 hours, Detective Adams sealed the doors and trunk lid of the vehicle and had it loaded on the back of a Lake County Sheriff's Office wrecker and taken to the Lake County Sheriff's Office for storage and processing. The wrecker operator was Deputy Kevin Lucas of the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

26. On November 26, 1996, after returning to the crime scene Detective Adams met with Detective Gussler. Detective Gussler stated that they had identified all of the suspects in the murders through interviews conducted by other detectives. He also stated that information indicated that the suspects could possibly be headed for New Orleans, LA, Texas or Kentucky.

Detective Gussler stated that the suspects in the murders were W/M Roderick Ferrell (Rod), W/M Howard Scott Anderson (Nos), W/F Charity Lynn Keese (Shey/Sara Remington), W/F Dana Cooper. All four of these subjects were from the Murray, Kentucky area. Detective Gussler advised that the victim's daughter Heather was also a suspect at this time. He advised that bolo's had been sent out listing all individuals and the description of the victim's Ford Explorer.

27. On November 26, 1996, at approximately 0930 hours Detective Adams received an envelope and letter from Detective Daylan Thomas. Detective Thomas advised that this letter was written to Janine LeClaire from Rod Ferrell. Detective Thomas advised that he received the letter from Jeanine. Lake County property receipt # 27218.

28. On November 26, 1996, at approximately 1005 hours Detective Adams received a message to contact a Detective Mike Jump of the Murray, KY police department

At approximately 1010 hours Detective Adams contacted Detective Jump by telephone and he advised that suspect Rod Ferrell had an aunt who lived in Daytona Beach, FL. He advised that Rod visited there whenever he would get in trouble up there. Detective Jump advised that the aunt's name was Crews and lived at 227 North Street in Daytona Beach.

At approximately 1020 hours Detective Adams spoke with Detective Marty White of Daytona Beach Police Department. Detective Adams requested that his agency go by the above residence and check for the blue Ford Explorer.

29. On November 26, 1996, at approximately 1050 hours Detective Adams executed a search warrant on the residence located at 24135 Green Tree Lane, specifically the bedroom of one Heather Wendorf. There were no items removed from the bedroom at this time. This was due to the fact that the bed room had not been processed by technical services.

30. On November 26, 1996, approximately 1108 hours Detective White called from Daytona Beach Police Department and advised that the Explorer was not present on in area of North Street.

31. On November 27, 1996, at approximately Detectives Adams and Gussler were examining the garage area of the residence. While doing this several letters addressed to "Zoey" and Heather were discovered in a garbage can. These letters were collected. Lake County property receipt # 27217.

32. On November 27, 1996, Doctor Laura S. Hair conducted the autopsies on the victim's, Naoma Queen, AWOKE Naomi Wendorf and Richard Wendorf. Please refer to Doctor Hair's autopsy reports.

33. On November 27, 1996, Detective Dylan Thomas made contact with Detective Adams. Detective Thomas had been assigned to track any possible use of the victim's credit cards.

Detective Thomas advised that he had learned a Discover Credit card belonging to victim Richard Wendorf had been used to make purchases at a Walmart store and a gas station. The card had now been shut down by the Discover Card company due to erratic use.

34. On November 28, 1996, Detective Adams received a message from the Discover Card company advising that the Discover Card had been used to make a purchase at a Walmart in Tallahassee, FL on November 26, 1996. No other information was available.

35. On November 28, 1996, at approximately 2040 hours Detective Adams received a telephone call from Detective Ron Patton. Detective Patton advised that he had been notified by communication center of a message they had received from Rapid City, SD police department. Detective Patton advised that the message was that a Ms. Joyce Commer, the grandmother of Charity Keesee had received a telephone call from Charity. Detective Patton advised that he understood that the telephone call came from Baton Rouge, LA. Detective Adams was given the telephone number of Ms. Commer in South Dakota.

36. On November 28, 1996, at approximately 2055 hours Detective Adams made contact by telephone with Joyce Commer. Ms. Commer stated she was in fact the grandmother of Charity Keesee.

37. Ms. Commer advised that she had received the telephone call from Charity at approximately 1612 hours (South Dakota time). She stated that Charity was inquiring where her mother was at. Ms. Commer said that Charity told her that she was in Baton Rouge, LA and that she was alright. Ms. Commer said that Charity told her that she was with Dana and some others. Ms. Commer stated that Charity sounded either tired, high or drunk.

Ms. Commer stated that there was laughing in the background and that Charity kept telling some one to "stop it." Ms. Commer reported that Charity told her that she would call her back later to find out about her mother's location. Charity did not give her grandmother a telephone number to call her at.

38. While talking to Ms. Commer she advised Detective Adams that there was a strange telephone number on her caller ID box. Ms. Commer gave the number as 504/387-9621. Upon checking the area code Detective Adams found this to be the code for Baton Rouge, LA.

39. On November 28, 1996, at approximately 2110 hours Detective Adams telephoned the Baton Rouge Police Department. Detective Adams spoke with Detective Dennis Moreand. Detective Adams advised Detective Moreand of the telephone number and information concerning the suspects and requested their assistance in locating the telephone from which Charity had called her grandmother. And requested that he issue a look out for the suspects and the Explorer.

40. On November 28, 1996, at approximately 2125 hours Detective Adams received a telephone call from Detective Moreand. Detective Moreand advised that the telephone call had been placed from a pay telephone at the cities centroplex center. Detective Moreand advised that they had two motels near the center and that he had officers enroute to check those locations.

At approximately 2135 hours Detective Adams received a telephone call from Detective Moreand. Detective Moreand advised that they had recovered the Explorer and had at least one of the suspects in custody.

At short time later Detective Moreand called again and advised that they had taken all five suspects into custody.

41. At approximately 2205 hours Detective Adams notified Captain Larry Chester, Commander of the Criminal Investigation Bureau.

42. On November 28, 1996, at approximately 2220 hours Detective Adams notified Detective Gussler and Sgt. Wayne Longo while they

were enroute to Kentucky, to change their destination to Baton Rouge, LA.

43. On November 28, 1996, at approximately 2230 hours Detective Adams met with Detective Patton and States Attorney Bill Gross and others at the Lake County Sheriff's Office. While at the office Detective Adams called Detective Moreand and connected him with Mr. Gross.

44. On November 28, 1996, at approximately 2315 hours Detective Adams contacted the Mayfield, KY police department and requested that they fax a copy of a reported diagram which they had of the Wendorf's home, along with any notes with it. This diagram was said to have been given to Mayfield Police Chief Redman by the father of Scott Anderson.

45. On November 29, 1996, At approximately 0050 hours Detective Adams received a fax from the Mayfield Police Department. This fax was a copy of a diagram which was similar to that of the Wendorf's residence. This document had not faxed properly and some portions were unreadable.

Detective Adams called Mayfield Police Department and advised of the problem. Another fax was received at approximately 0855 hours. This included the apparent full diagram of the Wendorf residence and a letter written by an unknown person.

46. On November 29, 1996, at approximately 1500 hours Detective Adams met with Wendorf family members at the crime scene. The purpose was for Detective Adams to answer any questions and to see if he could locate any legal documents they might need for the estate.

No one entered the residence except for Detective Adams. Those items recovered and turned over to family were bank records, white dress shirt, vehicle records, credit card statements and information concerning insurance. Lake County property receipt # 27219.

47. On November 30, 1996, at approximately 1235 hours Detective Adams spoke with Mrs. Alice Bennett by telephone. Mrs. Bennett had called the sheriff's office and advised that she had been a friend of Mrs. Wendorf/Queen.

Mrs. Bennett stated that she had known and been friends with the victim since 1970. She stated that she had been told by the victim in October 1996, that she was having problems with her (victim) daughters, both Heather and Jennifer. Mrs. Bennett stated that she thought it was the normal teenage rebellion thing.

Mrs. Bennett went on to stated that she had spoken with the victim on Friday, November 22, 1996. At the time Mrs. Bennett said

that the victim reported that things were better with Jennifer. However, she stated that she was still having problems with Heather.

Mrs. Bennett stated that Mrs. Wendorf knew Rod Ferrell and she and her husband did not like him. She stated that Mrs. Wendorf knew that Rod was in some kind of cult thing and knew about Rod's mom. Mrs. Bennett advised that she knew of no other information.

48. On December 3, 1996, Detective Adams received an Express Mail Envelope from the Mayfield Police Department. This package contained four note book pages of writings and a diagram of the Wendorf residence. Lake County property receipt # 27228.

49. On December 3, 1996, at approximately 0930 hours Detectives Adams and Patton returned to the crime scene. This was for the purpose of searching Heather Wendorf's bed room as per the search warrant. Notebooks, letters and sketches were removed. See Inventory and Return for list.

While at the scene Detectives Adams and Patton walked through the scene to determine any other processing to be done and any other possible evidence to be collected.

50. On December 3, 1996, at approximately 1050 hours while performing the walk through, a piece of white folded notebook paper was found lying on the bath room counter. This is the bath room located off the hall way. This paper had "all" printed on the outside of it. Examination of this paper indicated that this was possibly a goodbye note from Heather. Lake County property receipt # 27221.

51. On December 3, 1996, at approximately 1815 hours Detectives Adams and Patton met with Janine LeClaire and parents at their residence. This was for the purpose of picking up a journal that Janine was reported to keep. This was done by subpoena from the State Attorney's office. Detectives received a black book with writings and drawings written by Janine. Lake County property receipt # 28441.

52. On December 4, 1996, Detectives Adams and Patton went to the Eustis High School and spoke with John Solomon. John is a student at Eustis High School and knows both Rod Ferrell and Heather Wendorf.

John advised that he had received a telephone call from Rod approximately 2 weeks prior to the murders. He advised that Rod told him that he was coming down to Eustis to get money out of a safe. John stated that Rod did not tell him whose safe or whose money or where it was located. He also said he was just going "to hang out".

John said that this was the first time he had heard from Rod in about 2 months. He stated that approximately 2 months ago Rod called him and said that he wanted to come down soon and meet with friends.

John said that when he saw Rod around Christmas 1995, Rod told him that he really liked the Explorer that belonged to Heather's parents. John said that Rod wanted one like it.

53. On December 4, 1996, at approximately 1030 hours Detectives Adams and Patton met with Audrey Presson. Audrey is also a student at Eustis High School and knows both Rod and Heather.

54. Audrey advised that on Sunday night, November 24, 1996, Rod Ferrell came by her house in Eustis. Audrey stated that the time was approximately 2100 hours.

Audrey said when Rod came to the door he was dressed in a long black coat. She advised that he wanted to know if she was alright and if she wanted to run away with them and tried to convince her to do so. She also stated that Rod kept trying to get her to let him in the house.

Audrey said that Rod pointed out that he was with his "family". She advised that they were driving a red Buick. He took her out to the vehicle and Rod introduced her to two white females and a white male.

Audrey said that the white male was his "brother" and called him Scott. She stated that Scott was really strange and kept walking around saying "we are going to have some fun tomorrow night".

Audrey stated that he introduced one white female as his wife, "Shay".

Audrey advised that he introduced the other female as his "prodigy", Dana.

Audrey advised that when she asked Rod what he was doing in town he replied that he had some "unfinished business" to take care of. She stated that she took this to mean that Rod was "out to get somebody".

Audrey stated that she was very uneasy with Rod that night and was glad that her father called to come back inside.

Audrey also advised that she saw Rod on Monday, November 25, 1996, across from the Eustis High School. She stated that she did not talk with him at that time.

55. On December 4, 1996, at approximately 1643 hours Detective Adams conducted a taped interview with Jeanine LeClaire. This interview took place at the Lake County Sheriff's Office. For details of interview please refer to transcript.

56. On December 6, 1996, at approximately 1515 hours Detectives Adams and Patton met with Ms. Sondra Gibson, mother of Rod Ferrell. Also present were Mr. Harrell Gibson and Mrs. Rose Gibson, grandparents.

Ms. Gibson advised that Rod and Heather Wendorf had been talking a lot on the telephone approximately 2 months prior to the murders. She stated that she had her telephone shut off because of a telephone bill of over a \$1,000.00. She stated that a lot of this bill was due to the conversations between Rod and Heather. Ms. Gibson advised that she thought she still had copies of the telephone records at her home in Kentucky.

Ms. Gibson stated that deputies of the Murray County Sheriff's Office and officers of the Murray Police Departments came to her apartment after the murders and had searched her apartment and Rod's room. She advised that they took a lot of items from her residence with them. She stated she did not know what all they took. She advised that they did not have a search warrant nor did she sign any thing giving consent for a search or any receipts for items taken.

Ms. Gibson also stated that Rod telephoned her the day after he was arrested in Louisiana. She stated that Rod told her that he was having black outs and that he did not know what he was arrested for. She advised that Rod said "they say I killed someone, I don't know what they are talking about".

The grandparents of Rod advised that Rod was a good boy, that they had been around him all his life and they had help raise him. They had no other information at this time.

57. On December 6, 1996, Detective L.P. Brown advised Detective Adams that he had received a telephone call from Crime Line in regards to an unknown person calling them and stating that they had information regarding the Wendorf murders. Detective Brown advised that this person refused to give their name to Crime Line.

Detective Brown advised that a short time after talking with Crime Line he received a telephone call from a subject by the name of . Detective Brown advised that stated that had been the person who called Crime Line. provided Detective Brown telephone number and stated would be willing to speak with detectives further about what knew.



58. On December 6, 1996, Detective Adams made contact with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and set up an appointment for an interview on December 10, 1996.

59. On December 9, 1996, at approximately 1430 hours Detectives Adams and Gussler conducted a taped interview with Jennifer Wendorf. This interview took place at the Lake County Sheriff's Office. For details of this interview please refer to the transcript.

60. On December 10, 1996, at approximately 0900 hours Detectives Adams and Gussler went to the Lake County Jail to speak with Dana Cooper. Detective Gussler had received a formal written request from Ms. Cooper to see him.

Upon meeting with Ms. Cooper she stated that she wished to speak with us about the case and advised that she had indeed submitted a request to see Detective Gussler. Detective Gussler explained to Ms. Cooper her right to do so and also reminded her that she was represented by counsel. When asked if she still wished to speak with detectives, she advised that she did, but that she wanted to contact her attorney first. At this time the interview ended and Detectives Adams and Gussler left the jail.

61. On December 10, 1996, at approximately 1440 hours Detectives Adams and Gussler conducted a taped interview with \_\_\_\_\_. This interview took place at \_\_\_\_\_ residence and in the presence of \_\_\_\_\_ mother. Please refer to transcript for details.

62. On December 11, 1996, Detective Adams telephoned Detective Mike Jump of the Murray Police Department. Detective Adams requested that Detective Jump forward him copies of all items removed from Rod Ferrell's apartment.

Detective Jump advised that he had talked with Harrell Gibson, Rod's grandfather about an incident that happened a few weeks back. Detective Jump stated that Mr. Gibson was afraid that Rod had tried to "set" him (grandfather) up to be killed. Detective Jump stated that the grandfather had told him that he felt Scott Anderson was in on the plan also.

Detective Jump advised that there was also a subject by the name of Jason Jones who had lived in the same apartment building as Rod Ferrell and might have some information concerning Rod. Detective Jump advised that he would have Jason call Detective Adams.

63. On December 11, 1996, Detective Adams again spoke with Detective Jump by telephone. Detective Jump advised that he had talked with some of the officers who were present at Sondra

Gibson's apartment when items were taken. He stated that they advised him that it was a verbal consent from Ms. Gibson for the search of her apartment and Rod's room. He further stated that he was faxing some letters taken from the apartment.

He also advised that he had located Jason Jones and asked him to call Detective Adams.

64. On December 11, 1996, Detective Adams received a telephone call from Jason Jones. Mr. Jones advised that he had last talked with Rod Ferrell two weeks before this incident.

Mr. Jones stated that Rod had asked him if he had any bottles he could have. Mr. Jones stated that Rod told him that he (Rod) wanted the bottles to make bombs, he was going to bomb some places and commit some burglaries, etc.

Mr. Jones stated that Rod talked to him about killing some one and going to Florida. Mr. Jones said that it sounded to him as if Rod was talking about killing some one in Kentucky and then coming to Florida.

Mr. Jones went on to say that Rod had told him at the time of this conversation that he had been in Florida and just returned. He advised that this conversation was the first or second week of November.

Mr. Jones also advised that Rod told him that he (Rod) was a vampire and that he had made others a vampire. Mr. Jones advised that he knew of no other information concerning Rod Ferrell.

64. On December 13, 1996, Detective Adams received a fax from Detective Mike Jump, Murray Police Department. This fax was of copies of letters and a Murray Police Department report. The report was in regards to a call complaint which Sondra Gibson had made on 11/10/96 about Rod and some of his friends.

65. On January 7, 1997, Detectives Adams and Gussler travelled to Daytona Beach and interview Sondra Gibson, mother of Rod Ferrell. Details of this interview will be included in Detective Gussler's report.

66. This case remains under active investigation.

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